മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ:—നോട്ടീസു വേണം.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എം. ഇബ്രാഹിം:—ഇതിൽ ചില ശതമാനമെങ്കിലും അധികൃതരുണ്ടായിരിക്കുമെന്നു തോന്നുന്നുണ്ടോ?

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Mr. C. A. Ouseph:—May I know whether the depressed classes are the same as the backward classes?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— I admit that I do not know the difference very much. The list contains both the depressed classes and the backward classes.

Mr C. A. Ouseph:—May I know whether these depressed classes have special aptitudes to be watchmen?

Mr. V K. Aravindaksha Menon:—I do not quite understand the question.

Registrar of Village Panchayats—absence on leave—subsequent arrangements.

202. Mr. A Eachara Menon:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) who attends to the duties at present of the Registrar of Panchayats;

(2) whether there has been any complaints against that person in the near past;

(3) what was the nature of the complaint and how was it disposed of;

(4) was this also considered when he was put in charge of the department?

Mr. P. V. Raphael:—(1) Mr. J. V. Akkarapatty, B. A.,B. Ag. Panchayat Inspector, Southern Division, was in charge of the current duties of the Registrar.

(2) Yes.

(3) The complaint was that the Inspector sent a paper-cutting containing an article criticising the Government to the Editor of the Co-operative Magazine "സഹകരണപ്രബോധിനി". As a punishment, the increment of the Inspector was stopped for two years.

(4) The arrangement being for a short vacancy, there was no need to consider this point particularly.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon:—Was Mr. Akkarapatty given any allowance when he was in charge of the duties of the Registrar?

Mr. P. V. Raphael:—He was given the usual allowance. But he has not yet drawn it. I think the C. S. R. provides for giving the allowance.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon:—Then what is the effect of stopping the increment?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael:—The stoppage of increment is only with regard to the grade of pay in which he was posted. His pay is 60 to 100, and the usual increment in that grade has been stopped.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon:—He is not however a loser.

Mr P. V. Raphael:—What was stated in the order was that the increment in the grade in which he was appointed will be stopped.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon:—Then how will it be a punishment? This is only a verbal punishment.

Mr. P. V. Raphael:—No, it is an actual punishment. His increment for an interval of two years has been stopped in the grade of 60 to 100.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon:—But he is not affected by that punishment.

Mr. P. V. Raphael:—Certainly he is affected. He will be stopping at Rs. 92.

Mr. A Eachara Menon:—If he is affected how could you give him an allowance?

Mr. P. V. Raphael:—That is a different appointment altogether.

Mr. M. A. Chalko:—May I know if he was debarred from promotion?

Mr. P. V. Raphael:—No, he was not debarred from promotion. Only his increment has been stopped.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph:—May I know whether the Government have found this Mr. Akkarapatty discharging his duties satisfactorily?

Mr. P. V. Raphael:—In his work as an Inspector I have found his work quite satisfactory.

Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—May I know whether the present arrangement is in any way a promotion to this officer?

Mr. P. V. Raphael:—It is only a short vacancy. Some arrangement had to be made and it was done.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Was the present arrangement that has been given to him, a promotion? I want to know that.

Mr. P. V. Raphael:—There is no regular promotion made here. Some arrangement had to be expeditiously done and this was the best that was thought of without any consideration of the orders that have been passed on Mr. Akkarapatty.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—In making this arrangement was the question of previous punishment taken into consideration?

Mr. P. V. Raphael:—In making this appointment there was nothing to be considered particularly.

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Mr P Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Are we to take it, Sir, that this aspect of his punishment has not been taken into consideration in giving his lift?

Mr. P. V. Raphael:—All aspects necessary for disposing of the question must have been considered.

Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—I want to know whether this aspect has been taken into consideration or not.

Mr. P. V. Raphael:—You may take it as you like.

Mr. K. Ayyappan:—What was the cause of this punishment?

Mr. P. V. Raphael:—It is given in the answer here, that he sent an article criticising the Government to a magazine.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph:—Perhaps he was criticising the policy of the Government.

Mr. P. V. Raphael:—I do not remember the contents of the letter.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph:—Was he guilty of any remissness in the discharge of his duties?

Mr. P. V. Raphael:—In the actual discharge of his duties as an Inspector I have found him to be satisfactory.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph:—Am I to take it that he was given some injunction not to indulge in newspaper correspondence?

Mr. P. V. Raphael:—That is what I have said. His increment has been stopped for two years.

Mr. C. A Ouseph:—Has that anything to do with his work as an Inspector?

Mr. P. V. Raphael:—I can only submit that his work as an Inspector has been found to be satisfactory.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Has that anything to do with his work as an officer of the Government?

Mr. P. V. Raphael:—This is all regulated by the provisions in the Standing Orders. There is a chapter there on the personal conduct of public servants.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Are Government servants allowed to criticise the policy of the Government?

Mr. P. V. Raphael:—That requires no answer from me.

Vithanassery water supply, road communication, etc.

203. Mr. K. G. Nayar:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the inhabitants of Vithanassery submitted a petition dated 6th April 1934 to the Diwan of Cochin drawing the attention of the Government to the inadequacy of water supply, want of road communications and necesssity for a parapet wall at the Ayyappankulam, etc.;

(b) what orders were passed on the same:

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